STUDENT COUNCIL SPEECH

Good afternoon. My name is Andrew Yaksic, and I am the people's choice for president of the Student Council. I am here to urge you to vote me into presidential office tomorrow. I know a lot of you want me to stand up here and crack wise for two minutes ~~and tell you that a vote for Yaksic is a lot like a vote for ice cream sandwiches,~~ but I'd ~~first~~ like to address some of the issues involved in tomorrow's election.

Tomorrow's election is of dire importance to the short-term and long-term future of Malden Catholic. We need strong leadership next year. I would submit to you that I am the best qualified candidate to lead the Student Council and the student body. I am currently participating in 14 full-time extracurriculars, ~~and~~ I hold leadership positions in 7 of them. Among these extracurriculars is the Student Council. I am a two-year homeroom representative, and I served this past year as co-chair of the Social Committee, which is part of the Executive Board. That means that I have two years of Student Council experience already under my ~~rather large~~ belt. I am also the captain of the Mock Trial team; but enough about me.

~~I'm hoping that I've already won you over with my charming good looks... but I'll just assume that they haven't worked and move on to Plan B. A major concern of the students seems to be that I am not in touch with our student-athletes. This is simply ludicrous. I myself am a student-athlete. I played intramural volleyball, where my team went 0 and 2. I can assure you that I will keep the best interests of the athletes in mind while representing you. I'll even do my best to start up a fencing team here... or at least an ultimate Frisbee team. Maybe even a rugby team.~~

~~One of my major concerns and first actions as president will be to open up the Student Council meetings. They have been closed since I was first elected to the Council in 2000, with good reason. My proposition is that if I am elected,~~ I will hold meetings in the auditorium or Brother Gilbert Center where concerned students can raise their issues with the president himself. This is like ~~the "suggestion box" that previous years' presidential candidates have... well, suggested, but never implemented. I believe that this will be among the best of the improvements that I plan to make here. I will also try to schedule the dances so that there are no cancellations, and if cancellations arise, I will do my best to get them rescheduled.~~

~~Of course, there are certain things that I can't promise. For example, I can't promise girls next year... unless by "girls" you mean "the best year of your high school career." Which, of course, you probably don't.~~

I would like to remind you all that the position of Student Council president is not a figurehead. This is a real job with real hard work, and I feel that I am the best qualified candidate to perform the job. I am here every weekday until at least 4:30. I'm usually here a lot longer. Sometimes I can even be found here on a Saturday. ~~I haven't missed a day of school unless I've been out of the state... or that time the Patriots won the Super Bowl, you know, same thing.~~

~~I would urge you all not to cast your vote based on what kind of car I drive, or on how athletic I look. The truth is, I could drop and rattle off 100 push-ups right here, right now; but I can't let my athletic skills overshadow all of the other reasons why you should vote for me.~~

Gentlemen, I cannot encourage you enough to make the right choice and vote me into presidential office. My dedication and hard work will lead us into a golden age. Three-time presidential candidate Henry Clay said in desperation after losing his third election, "I would rather be right than president." I submit to you that I can be both. ~~I would encourage you all to visit www.yaksic.com and further inform yourself as to why you should vote for me.~~

I apologize if I wasn't funny enough to earn your vote, or if I'm not popular enough to earn your vote. But I hope my professional demeanor and serious attitude have shown you that I am devoted to the cause of improving Malden Catholic. I have earned the trust of faculty members and students alike. I can assure you that you can trust me with any task or any request. I have always come through in the past. I have a fun-loving side that there just wasn't enough time to let shine through here. I hope you all ~~vote~~ tomorrow~~, and I hope you all make the right choice~~. For the future of our school, put Yak back in the ~~SAC~~ and vote Yaksic for president. Thank you.

**My Student Council Speech**

10/6/07  
  
Speech  
  
Yesterday,10/5/07,I had to say a speech in front of all the intermediates in my school.I had the most competition because I was going for treasurer against 8 people,more students than any other spot on the student council.  
  
I listened to a lot of speeches.Finally,it was my turn.This is my speech:  
  
Dear friends,  
  
1. My name is Abhi Ramaprasad.I'm in 4th grade.This year,I'm running for the post of treasurer in the Student Council.  
  
2. I would like to tell you why I'm very suitable for this position.First of all,I'm good at math and I can keep track of money very efficiently.I am very organised.I go by the rules all the time.This is my 5th year at Pomeroy and I'm very glad to say I've never been in detention.  
  
3.When it comes to money,I am very careful.If I have money in hand,I don't spen it all unneccessarily because I know the value of money.  
  
4. I'm a very responsible student.This applies to everything I do do.I'm very happy to tell you that I was student of the month in room 24 and 14 for responsibility in September 2007.  
  
5. I am a very good team player.This makes me very suitable because I have to work with other Student Council members.I respect others ideas and put forward mine when I'm in a discussion.  
  
6. I would like your support and vote for me in the Student Council Election.   
  
7. Don't forget:  
  
A:able  
  
B:beneficial  
  
H:honest  
  
I:informative  
  
That's Abhi.Vote for Abhi today.  
  
Thank You.

**SPEECHES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES**

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**Meghan Barrios**

  A person with experience, a person you can depend on, a person that will voice the concerns of and represent each and everyone of you, a person that will put in 110% is the type of person you need in serving as your Student Government President. My name is Meghan Barrios, and I believe that I am that type of person and I am ready to step into that position, to serve as your Student Government President.   
   I have been a member of Student Government since my freshman year here at King’s serving as a representative for the Class of 2003 and having been the Executive Board Vice President this past year.  Each year I have learned more about the commitment level it takes to get the concerns and issues of the student body of King’s heard and presented to the proper administration and staff in order to get them resolved. This year particularly I have been able to be a part of dialogue with the administration about issues and strongly believe that I am bringing that experience with me.    
  Commitment is what I will give to every component of the King’s community, especially to all of you, my fellow students, to be the best representative of King’s student body.  It is your ideas and concerns that help in moving King’s forward.  It was the ideas and concerns of students that were heard that helped to make our new campus center possible. I want to be the one that continues to insure that all of the ideas of the students are heard.   
  I’m not going to go into stating empty promises, but rather issues I believe need to be addressed.  Parking has always been a critical issue and I do realize that it isn’t something that can be resolved over night.  But this is an issue of great concern and I intend to work to get it resolved. Concerns about security is something that is constantly brought up to Student Government. I strongly believe that we are making headway in resolving some of these concerns, but I believe that there is still more to accomplish; and I intend to see that it will be.  I believe that the most important ideas and concerns that student government addresses are the ones that come from the most important component of King’s, you, the student body.  That is why one of my goals is to continue to increase the involvement the student body has with student government.  
  I feel that each of the other three candidates, along with myself, believe that we have the desire, motivation and drive to serve the students at this campus. We are willing to put our all into our positions and each task that is put in front of us.  Yes, we are all running uncontested; but we still need you to give us your validation and support by voting so that together we can continue in accomplishing what we have already started.   
  Thank you all for your time, and I encourage all of you to exercise your right to vote this week and in the upcoming class elections.

Vice-President

**Matt Walk**As you may know, I am running for the position of Vice President of the Executive Board.  Before I tell you why I feel I have the qualifications for the position, I would like to share a little bit more about myself with you all.  I am a current sophomore here at King’s in which I hold the Treasurer position for the Sophomore Class.  I work at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where I get to learn a little bit about medicine that will help me with my major, that being the Physician’s Assistant Program.  I like to think of myself as an honest hardworking individual that would do whatever it takes to complete a job successfully and on time.  The reason I am making the jump to the executive board is that I am looking for a bigger challenge.  I feel that the role of Student Government Vice President would be something that I would have to work hard at in order to do a successful job and I know that I can do a successful job.  I know this because of my current roles in other activities on campus.  As I have mentioned, I am the current Treasurer of the Sophomore Class.  I am also, the Treasurer of the Pre-Physician’s Assistant Society, I am involved in Circle K, I was an FYE co-leader this past semester, and I am the Orientation Director for the upcoming year in which I have attended numerous leadership meetings for.  I feel that these positions and leadership conferences have helped me to gain a sense of what it takes to be a leader on this campus and in society.  If elected, I plan to put these leadership qualities to work as best I can.  This includes attending various meetings throughout campus and relaying the information shared at these meetings to the rest of the student board and student body.  I also plan to use these qualities to create new ideas in which the student government and student body could discuss in order to benefit the campus as a whole. This is the whole reason why the Student Government is here, to help make the campus a better place for students, and to help make your time here more enjoyable.  Fortunately for me, I have an easy upcoming year that will benefit me time wise for this role of Vice President.  Having this free time will allow me to put more effort into the position and it will allow me to have more time to work harder at the different tasks that will arise if I am to be elected as Vice President.  As stated before, if I am to be elected, I plan to do whatever it takes to do a thorough job as Vice President.  I hope that you all will have the confidence in my leaders